

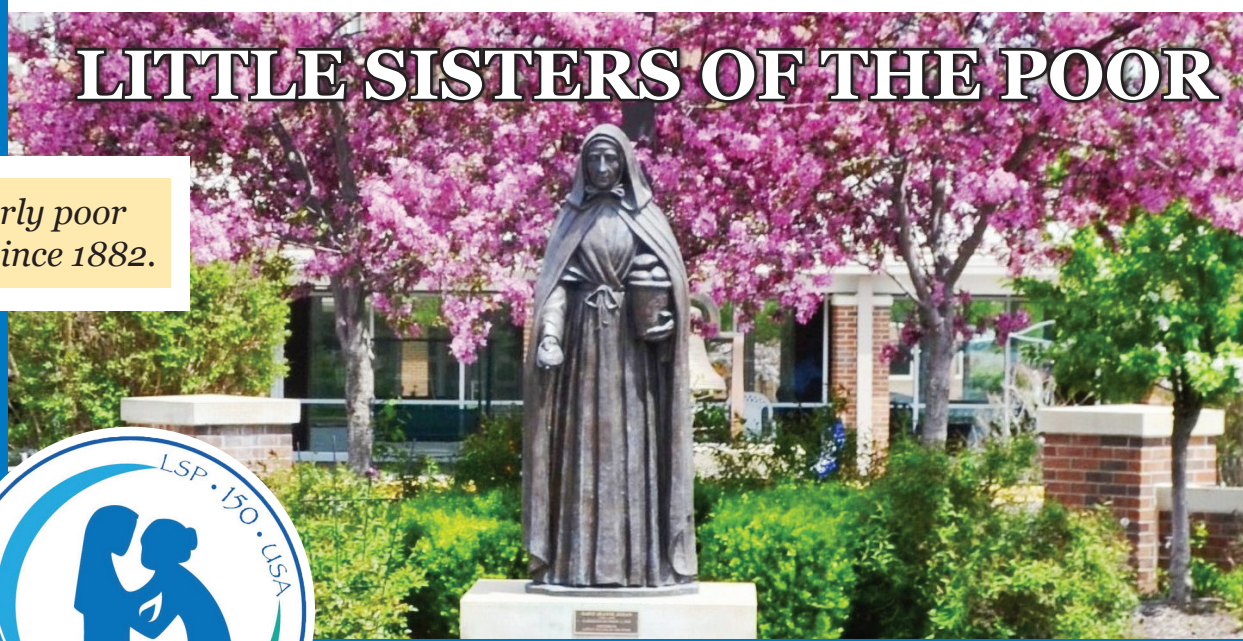
# LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

*Serving the elderly poor  
in Kansas City since 1882.*

Spring, 2019

## JEANNE JUGAN CENTER

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### A Century of God's Love

100 years! Imagine all the things one could do and see over that time. And imagine 78 of those years as a Little Sister of the Poor!

Our Little Sister Pauline knows exactly what that is like. This past December, she celebrated her 100th birthday here at the Jeanne Jugan Center with friends, family, Little Sisters, and Residents (many of whom are, amazingly, 20+ years younger than her!).

It was a wonderful day, with Sister's family members coming from far and near to join in - from Topeka, KS, from Florida, even from her home country of Colombia, South America.

Fr. Andrés Moreno, originally from Colombia as well, celebrated Mass and gave a moving homily about Sister being a vehicle for God's graces and blessings. The Mass ended with Father leading a lively rendition

of "Happy Birthday" in both Spanish and English.

Sister Marie Pauline de Ste. Helene was born on December 30, 1918 in Medellín, Colombia. After making her first vows in 1940, she was sent to the United States, and has been here ever since.

Sister has served in 11 homes, spanning the country from San Francisco, to Queens, New York, doing a variety of jobs throughout the years. She has worked in the kitchen, the laundry, cared for Residents, done the collecting/begging, and for the past 30 years here in Kansas City, has been the much-loved craft room Sister.

We are grateful for Sister Pauline. Her quick smile, sparkling eyes, and warm presence help to make this a true home.



#### MISSION STATEMENT

*Continuing the  
work of Saint  
Jeanne Jugan, our  
mission is to offer  
the neediest elderly  
of every race and  
religion a home  
where they will be  
welcomed as Christ,  
cared for as family  
and accompanied  
with dignity until  
God calls them to  
Himself.*



# LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

## The Wisdom of Age

Our Residents have lived long lives filled with many different experiences. They come from varied backgrounds, life circumstances, and even countries, and have learned a thing or two over the years. We asked some of our Residents some questions to share in their wisdom, and to get a glimpse into their lives. The answers we got were honest - some were deep and spiritual, some were practical, some were funny, but all of them were wise.

Here are the questions we asked, along with the answers straight from the mouths of our Residents:

### What is an important life lesson you have learned?

- Little things can grow into large arguments.
- If you give out kindness, it usually returns to you.
- Don't be abusive to others.
- Stick to your guns.
- Depend on God in times of trouble.
- It's important to stay active - at all stages of life.
- Faith is an important part of life.
- Don't skip school and then walk past the open window of your class.
- Don't put all of your eggs in one basket.

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*See our elderly whose faces are marked by the passage of time, faces that reveal the living memory of our people. Faces that reflect God's wisdom at work.*  
- Pope Francis

## Celebration Continues

We are continually reminded of how lucky we are for all of the people who support our mission. During this year commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Little Sisters' arrival in the United States, we have endeavored to express our gratitude for our vocations, our donors, our volunteers, and the other religious in the area. The jubilee year began last August with a special Mass to open the festivities. Since then we have welcomed a beautiful tapestry

of our Foundress to our Home which we were able to enjoy for 6 weeks, had a Mass to thank our donors, and hosted area religious sisters for a day of fellowship and learning. We look forward to our upcoming volunteer luncheon, the AJJ promise day, and in August, a community Mass to close out the jubilee year. Thank you to all who have shared in our love for the elderly in so many ways. We couldn't do what we do without you!



*The Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious (CMSWR) meets at the Jeanne Jugan Center.*



*The tapestry made in honor of the 150th anniversary travels to all of the U.S. Homes during this jubilee year.*



## Words of Wisdom *(continued from page 2)*

### What advice would you give to young people?

- Don't take everything too seriously.
- Stay off drugs.
- Be yourself, and enjoy yourself as you are.
- Keep the faith.
- Pray.
- Stay with God and don't go with dope.
- Love the people that are close to you and help those who need it.
- Be honest with people.
- Recognize the gifts you have gotten from God.
- Limit your smartphone usage to less than 3 hours per day.
- Always keep Kleenex in your pocket.
- Graduate from high school.
- If someone asks for help, give it to them; but don't interfere if it's not your place.
- Be humble - don't put yourself above other people.
- Go to church, it makes your conscience clear.

### What is the secret to a happy life?

- Being happy with what you have.
- Finding the right person to share it with.
- Always finding interesting things to do.
- Treating other people good - being nice to them.
- Realizing that life is not always happy; it's full of ups and downs. Don't expect to be happy all the time, but enjoy the times that you are.
- Abandon things to find peace.
- Living right - living for what you believe in.
- Doing the right thing and staying out of trouble.
- Never getting tired of learning new things.
- Money.
- Praying and working hard.

While each stage of life offers its unique graces, we are especially grateful for the gift of our elderly Residents' humor, encouragement, friendliness, grit ..... and especially their wisdom.

***The best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.  
– Andy Rooney***

## New Parking Lot

Thanks to our friends at the Sunderland Foundation, we have a beautiful new parking lot. Gone are the cracks, potholes, and unevenness, and in their place are yards and yards of smooth, beautiful asphalt.

The parking lot has needed to be re-done for quite some time, and we got by with making patches and repairs as much as possible over the years. But finally it was time to do a proper job, and Sunderland graciously covered the cost for us to have it milled and resurfaced.

It's so wonderfully smooth now, and safe for driving as well as for walking. All of the sisters, our staff, Residents, and visitors are enjoying it very much. Although the first time our maintenance director had to put ice-melt down this winter on the beautiful, new surface, we swear we saw a tear in his eye!



***Our beautiful new parking lot***



# A Simple Note

from Mother Margaret



I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you are settled into this season of Lent. The wintertime always reminds me of Lent. Its longer nights, cold temperatures, and peacefully sleeping trees invite us to go inside — both literally into our warm homes, and figuratively into ourselves to reflect. And this winter definitely gave us many opportunities for that!

Although it was long, it was a beautiful winter. Instead of looking at winter as something to tolerate until spring comes, I enjoy it for its own unique offerings. The same can be said for Lent. Rather than seeing it as a time of deprivation (What!? No meat?), we can recognize its gifts and invitations.

Then when Easter (or spring) comes, refreshed from our time of withdrawal, we can fully embrace and celebrate the new season of growth, warmth, and rebirth.

May this season of spring, of longer days and sunshine, of delicate crocuses showing their heads, fill you with the joy of our Creator. And may this Easter season, happily celebrated after the solemnity of Lent, fill your heart with the love of our risen Lord!

*Mother Margaret*

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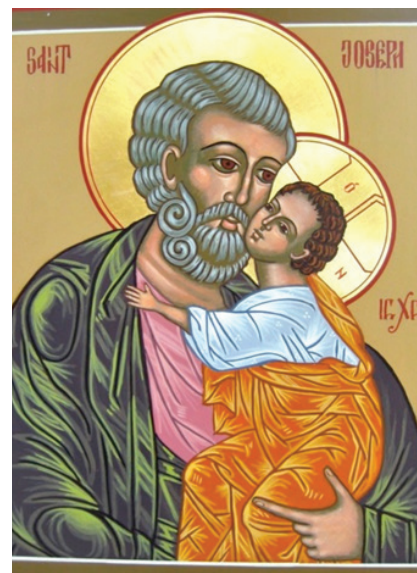
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### Our Needs

Like any Home, operating costs are an unavoidable part of our budget. Along with quality medical care and engaging activities, it is important to us to provide a comfortable Home for our Residents; and we are grateful to all of you who support us in doing that. We couldn't do what we do without you!

During this time of year when donations are slower, we invite you to consider supporting our Home by:

- Signing up on our website to give recurring donations - an amount you choose will be automatically charged to your credit card each month, for as long as you like. And you can stop at any time.
- Giving a gift in honor or memory of a loved one.
- Giving a Lenten offering.



*St. Joseph, our protector and provider.*

### Upcoming Events

#### Easter Holy Week Services at our chapel here at JJ Center

Holy Thursday - 4:30 p.m.

Good Friday - 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 10:45 a.m.

Stations of the Cross - 4:30 p.m., Fridays of Lent



#### Closing Mass for 150th Anniversary Year

We will have a special Mass and reception in August to close out the jubilee year celebrating the Little Sisters' 150th anniversary of serving in the United States. Stay tuned for details!



*From a humble heart, a great wave of charity*

Little Sisters of the Poor  
150 years in America

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